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SUBJECT: SPRING 1975 MEETING OF NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

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1. WE WOULD FAVOR HOLDING EXPERTS MEETING IN FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF APRIL AS SUGGESTED BY ITALY. HOWEVER, WE COULD ACCEPT LATE MARCH IF PREFERRED BY MAJORITY.

2. RE AGENDA, SOME PARTICIPANTS AT RECENT MEETINGS HAVE INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THAT DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETINGS MIGHT BE MORE USEFUL IF THEY DID NOT ATTEMPT TO REVIEW
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ENTIRE RANGE OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES BUT DEVOTED EACH MEETING

TO A FEW IMPORTANT TOPICS. MISSION SHOULD CONSULT INFORMALLY ON THIS QUESTION WITH PABSCH (IS) AND WITH KEY DELS. IF THERE IS SUPPORT FOR ABOVE APPROACH, MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE THIS APPROACH TO POLADS AND SUGGEST SPECIFICALLY THAT SPRING MEETING BE DEVOTED TO NON-PROLIF-ERATION ISSUES.

3. IF POLADS ENDORSE THIS APPROACH, DETAILED AGENDA COULD BE WORKED OUT ON THAT BASIS. IN ADDITION, TO ASSIST CHAIRMAN IN ORGANIZING MEETING, PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO INFORM HIM IN ADVANCE CONCERNING SUBJECT AND NATURE OF THEIR PRESENTATIONS.

4. WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO HAVING USUAL BROAD AGENDA IF THAT IS GENERAL PREFERENCE, BUT WE THINK SELECTIVE APPROACH WOULD BE WORTH TRYING PROVIDED MAJORITY OF EXPERTS ARE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY. SINCE PABSCH LAST FALL PRIVATELY EXPRESSED TO US EXPERT HIS INTEREST IN IMPROVING ORGANIZATION OF MEETING ALONG THESE LINES, MISSION MAY FIND HIM HELPFUL IN DEVELOPING PROPOSAL WITH OTHERS. MISSION SHOULD, HOWEVER, MAKE CLEAR, IF ISSUE ARISES, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR EXPERTS TO ATTEMPT TO FORMULATE AGREED CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS. KISSINGER

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